GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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RECRUITMENT IN MES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Expenditure issued orders during August 1999 imposing a ban on all recruitments as an austerity measure;

(b) whether despite this ban the Military Engineer Services recruited more than 1500 personnel in `C` and `D` categories during August 1999 and March 2002;

(c) if so, whether this unauthorised recruitment resulted in an expenditure of Rs. 12.62 crores till March 2002 and additional liability of Rs. 75.00 lakhs per month from April, 2002; and

(d) if so, the justification thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The expenditure involved in payment of emoluments of these personnel amounted to Rs. 12.65 crores till March, 2002 and additional liability of Rs. 75.73 lakhs per month from April, 2002 onwards. The recruitment of more than 1500 personnel in MES was made because there was an urgent need of employees. Moreover after the instruction on ban was received by the Engineer-in-Chief, all further recruitment action was stopped.